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In re Application of	:
Dobson et al.	:
Application No. 10/670,708	: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: September 24, 2003	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(f)
Attorney Docket No. 4501 P	:

This is a decision on the petition to revive the instant nonprovisional application under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(f), filed December 13, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed on September 24, 2004, in a foreign country, or under a multinational international treaty, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the foreign or international application.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reply, which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f).

Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing

of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded. A Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request to show the projected publication date of April 7, 2005 accompanies this decision on petition.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2631 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", is written over the typed name and title.

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Enclosure: Notice Regarding Rescission of Nonpublication Request